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**PENCE GIVEN 'MANUFACTURING LEGISLATIVE EXCELLENCE' AWARD**

**Washington, Nov 2, 2004** - (photo: Pence meets workers at Keihin Aircon factory in Muncie.) WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) recently recognized Congressman Mike Pence for his support of the manufacturing industry in the 108th Congress.

Pence was given the 'NAM Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence,' an award presented to Members of Congress who have supported manufacturers in our country with their voting record in Congress.

"With the manufacturing industry affecting the livelihood of so many east central Indiana families, I see it as my job to vote for policies that allow manufacturers to thrive," Pence said.

NAM based the award on the way Pence voted on a variety of issues including regulatory reform, tax reform, free trade issues, and lawsuit abuse reform.

"Rep. Pence understands that spiraling costs for such things as regulatory compliance, taxes, energy, and defense against frivolous litigation must be controlled if American businesses are to compete successfully in global markets," NAM President John Engler said. "We are glad to have Mr. Pence as a true ally of the manufacturing industry."

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